

Hussein back, no talk on AA missiles

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Jordan's King Hussein returned here last night after an 11-day visit to the Soviet Union. Neither Moscow nor Amman made mention of any deal on an anti-aircraft missile the monarch had reportedly made to the Soviet Union.

In a joint communiqué the Soviets and the Jordanians said that they have agreed to bolster their relations as well as their technical, trade and development ties. The communiqué ignored the military aspect, for which Jordan's army commander-in-chief Zaid Ben Shaker flew to Moscow during Hussein's stay there.

The communiqué significantly stated that Hussein's talks in Moscow were conducted with President Leonid Brezhnev, Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and other officials, not Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, Premier Alexei Kosygin or any military chiefs.



Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev and Yugoslav President Tito met yesterday in East Berlin on the eve of the European conference of Communist parties. Story on Page 4.

1,000 killed in Lebanon in six days CHRISTIAN MOVE TO SEIZE TWO PALESTINIAN CAMPS

BEIRUT. — Reinforced Christian forces moving in for the kill said yesterday they were on the verge of capturing two encircled Palestinian camps that have been under siege for six days. They demanded the unconditional surrender of the defenders.

Leftist forces moved heavy 155 mm cannon into the center of the camp of the American University Beirut and began shelling the Christian "capital" of Jounieh 19 km north of Beirut, apparently to pressure on PLO forces.

University officials were trying to negotiate removal of the artillery, fearing reprisal shelling from Christians. The campus has been hit by several shells this year, but is still considered neutral and before a relatively safe haven in a war that has engulfed the capital over the past 18 months.

The intense fighting around the two Palestinian camps left more than 160 dead and 500 wounded in the past 24 hours and unofficial estimates said more than 1,000 persons may have been killed in the six-day siege.

The right-wing Phalangist Party announced it has joined other Christian forces in the offensive against the Tal Zastar and Jisr al-Pasha camps in southeastern Beirut. It said its forces pushed during the night to the western outskirts of Tal Zastar and said its fall was imminent.

The radio station of rightist President Suleiman Franjeh, whose forces are spearheading the attack along with former Interior Minister Camille Chamoun's "Tiger" militia, broadcast an ultimatum to the Palestinians to "surrender immediately and unconditionally."

The PLO claimed that the Christians were being assisted by Syrian troops who mounted a new offensive of their own against the PLO-leftist forces in the Bekaa valley in eastern Lebanon. The PLO also claimed that the Syrians yesterday brought more troops into Lebanon for an apparent decisive strike against the PLO-leftist alliance.

Heavy fighting continued in downtown Beirut and the suburbs and residential quarters of the divided capital again came under intense shelling from both sides. The airport remained closed following heavy shelling on Sunday by Christian forces making good on their threat to force it to close unless airport authorities imposed controls to ensure that no arms or supplies were shipped in for the leftist side.

Throughout the week-old offensive, which has seen some of the heaviest fighting of the war, both sides claimed gains and denied counter claims of the other. It was not clear how close the Christians actually were to capturing the camps, but Western diplomatic sources said they believed the camps could fall within 48 hours if the Phalangists threw their might into the siege.

A Phalangist communiqué said yesterday joint Christian forces captured strategic Tal'at al Mir hill on the western entrance of Tal Zastar and "raised the Phalangist and Lebanese flags" on it.

There was no word on whether Maj. Abdel Salam Jalloud, the Liban Premier who has been acting as mediator, went to Jounieh yesterday as planned for talks with rightist leaders to try to arrange a cease-fire. But Phalangist war chief Bashir Jemayyel reportedly told Jalloud on Sunday night that Chamoun and Franjeh were "unavailable." Jemayyel was quoted as saying that Jalloud should maintain contact with Syria. The Christians "have full confidence" in Syrian President Assad, he said. (UPI)

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Ceausescu role in Lebanon crisis

BENNA. — President Nicolae Ceausescu of Rumania yesterday appeared to be assuming a key role in talks to end the Lebanon conflict.

Meetings in Bucharest with Syrian President Hafez Assad and senior Palestinian officials.

The Syrian President returned to Damascus yesterday after a three-day visit during which he met several times with Ceausescu.

The official Rumanian news agency Agerpress reported that Ceausescu

had met a senior aide to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, Hani el-Hassan, for talks on Lebanon.

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Death for four mercenaries

ANDRA. — The Cyprus-born British known as "Colonel Callan" was one of four white soldiers of fortune sentenced to death by firing squad yesterday for killing another white mercenary and ordering the massacre of 13 others during Angola's 11 war.

Apart from Callan, whose real name is Costas Georgiou, the others sentenced to death by the Angolan court were Britons Andrew McKenzie and John Barker and American Vietnam war veteran Daniel Burhart.

Nine of the hired soldiers received jail terms ranging from 16 to 30 years.

A British lawyer who defended one of the mercenaries said that the death penalties might be carried out within 48 hours. The lawyer, Peter Warburton Jones, said that he and two other British lawyers "are going to petition President Agostinho Neto for mercy."

He said that because of the possibility the sentence may be carried out in 48 hours, "we are acting as quickly as possible."

The U.S. State Department in Washington condemned the death sentence of Gearhart as "unwarranted by the facts as we understand them."

The jail sentences handed out

took into consideration the defendants' ages and specific charges against them. Michael Wiseman, John Marchand, and Gustavo Grillo were given 30 years imprisonment. The verdict found that they "behaved with intensely accentuated malice."

Ex-British soldiers John Lawlor, Colin Evans and Cecil Fortuin were each given 24-year prison terms. John Nammoock, 21, the youngest of the prisoners was sentenced to 16 years, along with Gary Acker and Malcolm McIntyre.

All the prisoners stood in stunned silence as presiding Judge Renteria pronounced the sentences. (Continued on page 5, col. 5)

After PLO man's visit, State Dep't insists 'no change' in U.S. policy

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ASHINGTON. — The State Department insisted yesterday that its position on the PLO remains unchanged after a visit by PLO representative Shafiq el-Hut to meet with officials in Washington last Friday.

The department spokesman said the U.S. policy toward the terrorist organization remains unchanged.

The department spokesman told reporters that el-Hut's visit, arranged by Sen. James Abourezk, was merely a "private" meeting and that el-Hut did not participate in "public, political activity."

According to U.S. visa restrictions

tions provided to PLO representatives at the UN, travel is limited to a 25-mile radius of New York City unless special State Department approval is granted. The spokesman said that such a waiver is granted only on a case-by-case basis.

Abourezk had requested that the waiver be extended in order to host the luncheon. It was the first time

that a PLO official was allowed to meet with Congressmen Washington, although they have met with them at the UN.

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Hijackers talk with Amin, warn they'll blow up plane

Passengers in good shape

ENTERBE, Uganda. — Hijackers held more than 250 Air France passengers and crew at the airport here last night and threatened to blow them all up if Ugandan security forces intervened.

Ugandan troops, armed with machineguns, waited at the scene. The broadcast said President Idi Amin was on the spot negotiating with the hijackers who seized the Airbus over Greece on Sunday, diverted it to Libya for refueling and then flew on to Entebbe.

About 70 Israelis were thought to be aboard the plane, which originated in Tel Aviv and was bound for Paris via Athens.

Ugandan marines surrounded the airport terminal building here in the biggest security operation ever witnessed in this country.

The passengers, who were allowed off the broiling plane and were under guard by terrorists at an airport restaurant, were reported in good condition and not panicky.

Ugandan authorities said the passengers were "tired but cheerful" as they left the plane and went to the terminal.

They said they were given a breakfast of fried eggs, potatoes, bread, fruit, tea or coffee and a lunch of beef or chicken curry with rice, fruits and soft drinks.

After nearly 14 hours of talks between the hijackers, Amin and French Ambassador Pierre Renard, the hijackers' demands were still

unknown. But diplomats said the talks were responsible for getting the passengers off the plane.

Renard left the airport, where the talks were conducted under a searing African sun, and returned to Kampala 32 kms. away. He declined to speak with newsmen, but a spokesman at the French Embassy said the talks had come to a standstill.

"We still don't know what demands the hijackers are making," the spokesman said. "Until we know what they want there is little more we can do."

Air France officials in Nairobi, capital of Kenya, said the hijackers presented Uganda officials with demands written in Arabic. They said the demands were not known, pending their translation. There was no official confirmation that the hijackers had listed their demands.

Uganda Radio broadcast a violent anti-French statement by the hijackers, identifying them as members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The 2,500-word statement condemned France as a tool of U.S. imperialism, attacked Israel, denounced what it called reactionary regimes in Egypt and Syria and appealed to revolutionaries everywhere to unite to liberate the world.

The statement assailed France's alleged "anti-Arab attitude" in recent months and cited the following examples:

- France's occupation of Djibouti, Somalia, "in order to preserve Israel's sole route to the Far East and Africa and pursue relations with Arab reactionaries."
- France's "aggression on Egypt in 1956, in collusion with Britain and Israel... France supplied Israel with sophisticated weapons, including the Mirage fighter-bombers that Israel used in the 1967 war."
- French "collusion with Israeli agents to assassinate Palestinian leaders in Paris, including the head of the PLO office in Paris, Mahmoud el-Hanashari, in 1974."
- "The Arab people will exact revenge against the French interior and justice ministers, these two Zionists, for their role in enabling criminals to evade punishment," it said.

The statement attacked Egypt, Syria, the Shah of Iran, King Hussein of Jordan and King Khalid of Saudi Arabia for their alleged involvement in Lebanon and the rebel

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France: No deal without Israelis

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — The Israeli Embassy here has received formal assurances that France will protect the interests of all the passengers aboard the hijacked Air France plane. The assurance, received from the office of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in Puerto Rico where he is attending the Western economic summit conference, formally indicates that France will do whatever it can "to secure the release of all the passengers."

French officials, apparently acting on the personal instructions of President Giscard d'Estaing, indicated that France will refuse the release only of the non-Israeli passengers. They say the President's instructions are that either all the passengers are freed or none at all. The only exceptions to this rule, say the officials, concern individual cases or illness.

The French officials say it was this adamant French attitude which prompted Libyan President Muammar Gaddafi to permit the hijacked plane to take off from Benghazi. The sources say Gaddafi was prepared to let the non-Israeli passengers off the plane but dared not risk losing his prestige within the Arab world by releasing all the 245 people aboard the Airbus. On the other hand, Gaddafi, who depends on

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Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

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Alert maintained at B-G airport

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The state of alert at the international air terminal continues, with nothing left to chance including the possibility that the hijackers may yet attempt to fly to Lod.

The hijacked plane is now, however, grounded some four to five hours flying time from Israel. This is considered sufficient to give advance notice and make all the necessary preparations.

The aircraft, identified as a late-model Airbus of the B-4 type (as distinct from the original B-2 version) has double the range of the original model and could make an unrefueled non-stop flight to Israel.

The passenger list of hijacked aircraft was still not made available yesterday. The final count of the passenger list, however, is now given as 245 including some 70 Israeli nationals and a nine-man crew headed by Captain Bacos, an Air France veteran. The passengers are known to include a number of children with the youngest being an infant of less than two years and a five-year-old boy, both with their parents. All boarded the aircraft here. The list is also said to include a number of families and young people who were planning to

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Safed	20	19-30	17-28
Haifa Port	62	22-29	20-27
Tiberias	31	21-31	19-24
Nazareth	41	19-31	18-29
Afula	39	20-33	18-30
Shimon	20	20-30	16-28
Tel Aviv	71	21-27	20-27
E.G. Airport	45	19-32	17-20
Jericho	17	28-40	25-37
Gaza	72	28-39	15-21
BeerSheva	54	17-34	16-31
Eilat	13	29-42	23-39
Tiran Straits	12	25-40	25-38

Social and Personal

Minister of Education and Culture Aharon Yadin yesterday addressed the Board of Trustees of Bar-Ilan University at their annual meeting on the Ramat Gan campus.

Two roadways, passing through the Bar-Ilan University campus in Ramat Gan, were named yesterday in memory of the late Minister of Social Welfare, Michael Hazani, and the late Moshe Haim Shapiro.

U.S. Consul-General, Michael Newlin, and Jerusalem Hilton manager, Dan Barkai, on Sunday night opened the U.S. Culinary Heritage Festival, a bi-centennial event. The food-fest will run in Jerusalem until July 21, before moving to the Tel Aviv Hilton.

DEPARTURES

Dr. Charles Reizinger, Vienna police chief, after an eight-day visit as guest of the Foreign and Police Ministers.

19 held for drug offences in T.A. area

TEL AVIV. — Nineteen suspects were arrested over the past 36 hours for drug offences, in a series of raids which began Sunday night. Most are regarded as "small fry."

Ten persons including three young girls were arrested Sunday night at a Holon apartment. A search uncovered two needles for injecting drugs and a number of hashish "fingers."

A dawn raid on Rehov Mishmar Hayarden netted the drug squad four offenders. A husband and wife living in the apartment at first refused to open the door to the police. When the wife finally opened the door, detectives found the husband flushing powder down the toilet. Rolling up their sleeves, detectives managed to catch some of the powder-bearing water in bottles. There is the suspicion that the powder may be heroin.

A further search of the apartment revealed 700 grams of hashish and IL21,000. Two more individuals were arrested later in the day at the apartment, which may have been a site for drug deals.

In other actions, police arrested four youths driving down Sderot Yerushalayim in Jaffa. A small quantity of hashish was found in the car. In the last action of the day, police arrested a 19-year-old girl after a search of her Rehov Shabazi apartment led to several needles and hashish.

Current prices show that hashish is very much in short supply. A four gram finger at the end of 1975 was selling for IL100. Prices now for a small "finger," about two grams, range from IL150-IL200.

1976 American-Israel Dialogue opens tonight

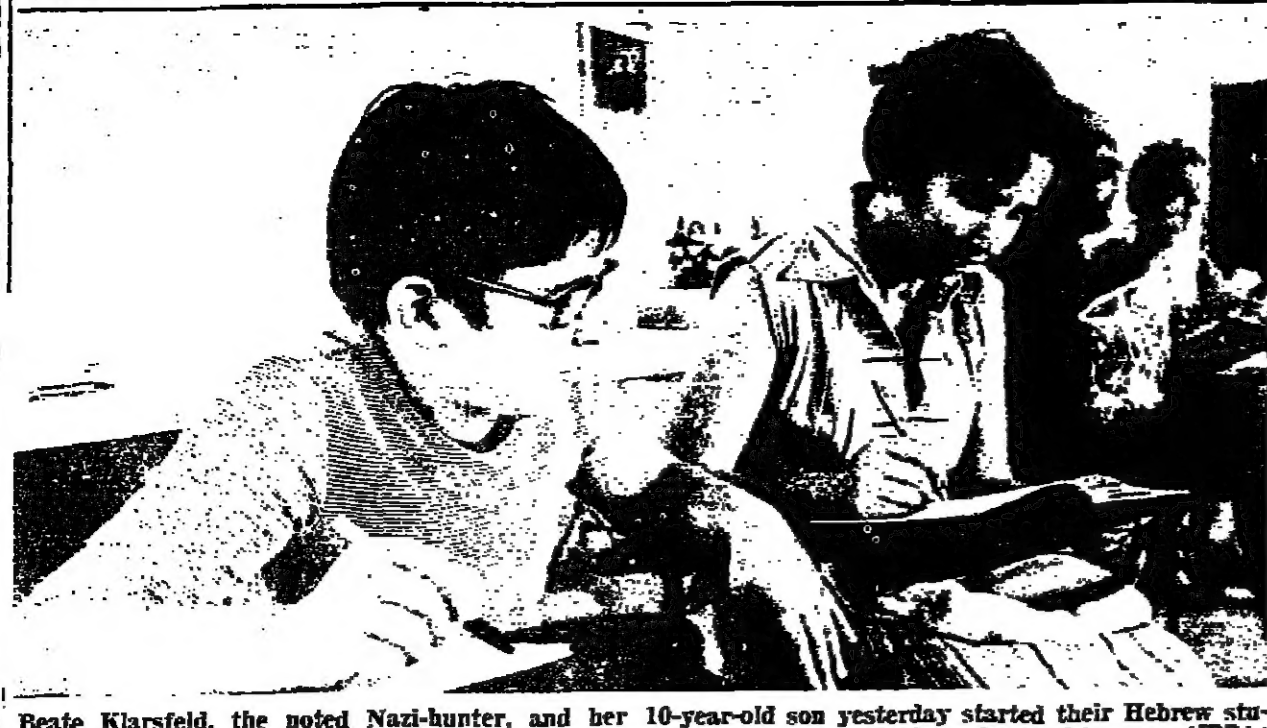
Directions of Zionism to be explored

"The Contemporary Meaning of Zionism — New Definitions and New Directions" will be the theme of the 1976 American-Israel Dialogue, which opens tonight in the Jerusalem Hilton.

Abba Eban, former Foreign Minister, and Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, President of the American Jewish Congress, will deliver papers at tonight's session following a private dinner.

The annual series of symposia on issues affecting the relationship of Israel and American Jewry, initiated by the American Jewish Congress in 1962, will continue tomorrow and Thursday at the Van Leer Institute, closing on Friday.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Jewish Congress, will address the Dialogue tomorrow afternoon. Professor Jacob Katz,



Beate Klarsfeld, the noted Nazi-hunter, and her 10-year-old son yesterday started their Hebrew studies at Ulpan Akiva in Netanya. The Klarsfelds arrived in Israel on Saturday night. (IPPA)

Peres denies Israeli troops advising South African army

By AARON SITTNER

Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday denied that members of the Israel Defence Forces are in the Republic of South Africa. He made the denial in answering a parliamentary question from leftist MK Marsha Freedman of the Independent Socialists.

He also rebuked her for having furnished her question to the foreign press without first having checked with the Defence Ministry.

She said she had learned from "a reliable source" that Israeli soldiers of various ranks were serving with units of the South African army as advisers.

In reply to another query — from Likud MK Yosef Tamir — Peres disclosed that an "offensive" sign on the wall of a soft drink bottling plant in Gaza will soon be changed.

The questioner had asked why the Seven Up Bottling Company of Gaza was being permitted to utilize the term "Gaza, Palestine" in a large sign outside its plant, and

whether "this anti-Israel symbol has been approved by the military government."

Peres said the sign existed prior to the entry of Israel forces into the Gaza Strip. Three years ago the company was dissolved and re-organized at this time without the word "Palestine" in its title.

Since then, all official papers of the company, including bottle labels, have omitted the objectionable term. However, the term remained on the sign, even when it was recently redecorated. But now the Registrar of Companies has directed Seven Up to erase the word "Palestine."

Another question seemed to embarrass Peres. Referring to a pitched battle between two clans in a village of Abu Sinaa late last year, Shimon Lior, of the Tova Front noted that the belligerents had employed various types of modern army weapons recently acquired by the Israel Defence Forces — Uzis and Kalashnikov rifles, submachine-guns, Lau anti-tank missiles and special type and ordinary hand grenades.

Lior wanted to know: were these arms authorized to be in the possession of the villagers? If not, how did they manage to get them from defence stores?

Replied Peres: "We have conducted an intensive investigation into this incident. Unfortunately, I must confess that until now we still have not determined how these weapons reached Abu Sinaa. I have been informed that 11 persons involved in the battle are now being tried in Haifa District Court on various charges of attempted murder, carrying arms without a permit and conspiracy."

In answer to a question from MK Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino, Peres said Saudi Arabia now has a brigade of infantry troops reinforced by armour and paratroop elements in Syria and a similar force in Jordan. These brigades were equipped with American arms, and Israel had notified the U.S. Government of its opposition to large-scale Saudi arms procurement from American sources.

Knesset C'ttee approves IL500m. cut in defence

By ASHER WALLFISH

The Knesset Committee responsible for the Defence budget yesterday approved a cut of IL500m. for the current year, 1976/77, in line with the compromise reached in the Cabinet earlier this month.

The IL500m. will be transferred to the Defence budget reserve to be spent on price rises during the year, as the Defence Ministry wishes.

The decision was taken at a joint meeting of the Finance Committee and the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

The Coalition members approved the IL500m. cut with the exception of the NRP's Yehuda Ben-Meir, who voted against it, along with the Likud and the Aguda bloc.

The Likud men on the committee wanted the Defence budget increased by another IL1,000m. — not decreased. In a second proposal, Simha Erlich of the Likud's Liberal wing proposed adding IL600m. for defence by increasing the rate of the Value Added Tax by one per

cent. After the IL500m. cut was approved, Likud leader Menachem Begin appealed to the Government to reconsider its move in the light of security needs. When the full Defence budget of some IL3,000m. was put to the vote, the Likud and the Aguda abstained, since it is their custom never to vote against defence appropriations.

Yitzhak Navon, chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, said that although earlier in a Coalition caucus he had proposed the cut be only IL300m., his proposal had been defeated, and so he would accept Coalition discipline and vote for the IL500m. cut. Navon said the remaining IL200m. envisaged by the Government should be taken from the Housing Ministry's budget.

Another proposal to cut the Housing Ministry's budget, for transfer to the general reserve, and not for defence requirements, was advanced by Yehuda Shaari (IF) and supported by members of the Alignment and the NRP. Finance Committee chairman Israel Kargman promised to discuss this proposal next week.

Kick-backs to tourist guides now illegal

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday approved the Tourism Services Law, whereby prices of hotel and tourist services will be fixed and the standard of services inspected by the Ministry of Tourism.

The new legislation also makes it an offence for a guide to take kick-backs from shops and tourist enterprises, or for anybody to offer him such a rake-off.

Economic Committee chairman Yigal Horowitz, who piloted the law through the final reading, said that all orders to be gazetted by the Ministry of Tourism would first have to get the approval of his committee. He said the tourism operators had raised strong objections to the plan to control their services.

Special tribunals to judge offenders against the law would not be established. Horowitz said, as the draft law had originally specified. The law will not apply to persons renting out rooms for short periods to holiday-makers, Horowitz said.

Bill would stop police beatings of suspects

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Policemen who beat or torture suspects during interrogations would be charged with a criminal offence, under a private member's bill tabled yesterday by the Likud's Yitzhak Modai.

Modai said that his bill would prevent innocent suspects being physically abused and being compelled to confess to crimes they had not committed. He said cases of police using beatings and torture had increased lately.

In another part of his bill, Modai would limit the detention of suspects by a policeman without a warrant to a 24-hour period, on the grounds that police tried out such arrests without regard for an individual's freedom and held suspects longer than necessary.

Special talks on Nat'l Health Law

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Coalition executive will hold a special discussion on the National Health Law, with Premier Yitzhak Rabin and the Cabinet Ministers involved attending.

The executive decided on the discussion yesterday after the ILP representatives demanded that the Histadrut be prohibited by law from imposing penalties on members who quit its Kupat Holim sick fund.

The ILP said that if this demand were not granted, the Alignment "would be threatening the future of the Coalition."

Airport trickster makes off with £2m.

LONDON. — Scotland Yard was yesterday investigating how a trickster stole about £2m. worth of foreign currency from a security warehouse at Heathrow airport.

The money was flown in from abroad and deposited temporarily in a British Airways security warehouse when a bogus courier using forged papers persuaded a guard to hand over the money on Saturday. It was one of the biggest hauls ever from the airport.

The theft was not discovered until yesterday when the genuine courier turned up to collect the money on behalf of client bankers, to find the money had vanished. (UPI)

2 DAYS TO VAT

No rush to buy registers

Cash registers are not very popular in this country. Only about 200 new cash registers have been sold since September last year despite the law requiring bookkeeping. To encourage the use of cash registers approved by the Treasury the following benefits exist:

- The cost of the cash register — about IL10,000 — can be deducted in one year for purposes of income tax.
- The printed invoice produced by such machines can be used as an "authorized invoice" for VAT purposes. The VAT registered on such bills can be deducted from VAT collected from a customer, and the customer himself can use this invoice to deduct the tax paid from the tax he collects.

The final decision as to VAT in the territories will be taken only tomorrow, since Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday failed to reach an agreement regarding the imposition of the new tax in those areas. At a meeting

held in Jerusalem, Peres asked Rabinowitz to postpone the tax in the territories by two to three months. A delay, he said, would quiet the atmosphere and will also help the population to adjust to the new tax. Rabinowitz, however, pointed out that a delay may not benefit the local Arab population in the areas for the following reasons:

- In order to prevent discrimination by imports from Jordan over imports via Israeli ports, VAT will have to be imposed on imports coming through the Jordan bridges. If VAT is delayed on other goods, local businessmen will not be able to deduct the tax they paid on imports.
- If VAT is delayed, the lowering of purchase taxes will not be applied to the territories. Thus the population there will pay more for goods than Israelis.
- Local businessmen will not be able to deduct VAT payments on goods they bought in Israel where VAT will be imposed.

Knesset approves tax

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday approved the Finance Minister's Orders imposing the Value Added Tax as of July 1, by a vote of 40 against 25. The tax for ordinary transactions will be eight per cent, for financial institutions six per cent and for non-profit institutions three per cent.

Finance Committee chairman Yisrael Kargman said that the VAT on non-profit institutions would

mean that they will not enjoy an unfair advantage vis-a-vis productive enterprises, and therefore they would be encouraged to reduce staffs and attain greater efficiency.

Kargman said that he expected more cuts in purchase tax next April. He hoped the public and the media would help make VAT operate effectively "so that the money which should flow into the Treasury does not flow into undesirable channels."

Work stoppage hits VAT

HAIFA. — The officials of the Customs, Income Tax and Office Mechanization authorities yesterday stopped their work on the preparation of VAT, in protest against the Treasury's failure to keep its promises. Michael Kadosh of the Haifa Customs House announced yesterday that Kadosh, a leader of the national committee of the Customs Employees.

He said that under present conditions it was "impossible" to put VAT into effect on Thursday as planned, and to avoid chaos, they decided to stop all preparations. He noted that negotiations on their

demands for the conditions they consider necessary have been dragging on interminably, "but nothing has been done." The workers have called for extra floor space and manpower, and an "effort bonus" for the extra work they have to put in on the new tax.

Neither they nor the public had been sufficiently prepared, they felt, and no proper arrangements to introduce universal bookkeeping had been made. Under these circumstances it was impossible to apply the new tax. Mr. Kadosh said. They would not resume the preparatory work "until all these problems are solved."

Malmillian injured in London

Jerusalem Post Staff

Uri Malmillian, Israel's mid-field star player, is suffering from a serious injury to his thigh and may not be able to play in the Montreal Olympics. The 18-year-old Jerusalem Betar player may have to undergo an operation in London, it was learned yesterday.

Israel's Olympic soccer team beat London Maccabi 6:1 in a pre-tournament game in London on Sunday. Oded Machness scored four goals, and Victor Peretz and Gideon Damti came through with one goal each.

Another win for Israel came

in basketball, in Israel's best performance to date at the qualifying tournament in Hamilton, Canada. Israel defeated Finland 103:79 on Sunday night, led by Mickey Berkowitz. Israel took the lead after 13 minutes and never lost it, leading 48:34 at halftime. Top scorers were Berkowitz with 24, Keren 22, and Yonai with 14 points.

Israel faces its stiffest and most crucial game tonight against Yugoslavia, who are heavy favorites to win. An upset could gain Israel a place in the final six-nation playoffs.

Ashdod port workers turn fraud case over to police

ASHDOD. — Four members of the new Ashdod port-workers committee yesterday filed a complaint with police against the members of the previous board, headed by Yehoshua Peretz. Their charge is based on findings of the Ashdod Labour Council's investigations committee, published last week.

The complainants — Eli Maman, Maurice Dwek, Amil Pinto and Mordechai Bracha, spoke with the head of the fraud squad at National Police Headquarters in Jaffa, who passed the case to Rav Pakad Yosef Rosenberg.

The committee's findings indicated that Peretz and his committee (six of the 11 are still serving on the new board) illegally paid themselves thousands of pounds in compensation for their work on the board between May 1, 1971 and December 31, 1975.

It reports that the new development will probably meet suspension of an appeal by the Peretz committee to the Histadrut national

review committee over the results of the investigation by the Ashdod council.

Council Secretary Rafael Cohen said yesterday there had been no moves so far to oust the committee members mentioned in the report. He said the chairman of the Histadrut review committee, Nisim Bakar, had instructed them to await the results of the appeal. However, Bakar had said he would reconsider the instructions if a criminal suit was filed.

Cohen has meanwhile asked Avraham Tudrus, secretary of the Ashdod trade union, to coordinate the business of the new port-workers committee.

Eli Maman, head of the new committee, said he believed the findings regarding the alleged Peretz fraud should be delegated to other institutions — police and the Histadrut review body — so that he could turn to handling the daily problems of 1,300 port workers. (Ilim)

'Concentrate on studies, not aliya'

Universities should not consciously promote aliya among students coming to Israel for short periods of study (one academic year or less) but should concentrate on high quality academic programmes for them — this was one of the few points of consensus reached at a two-day Conference on Overseas Study Programmes in Israel concluded in Jerusalem yesterday.

The conference, sponsored by the Jacob Eliaz Institute of Brandeis University, brought together 50 representatives of Israeli institutions of higher learning and American universities with programmes in Israel. The participants agreed that the most suitable curriculum for overseas students was one emphasizing Jewish, Israeli and Middle Eastern studies, but stimulation to aliya must result from contact with the general Is-

rael environment and through extracurricular programmes.

On the basis of the discussions, President Marver H. Bernstein of Brandeis University called for continuing consultations among those responsible for overseas study programmes, and for research into their mode of operation and effectiveness.

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Reluctant 'bride' back from N.Y.

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Tzipora Turgenman, the young girl who alleges she was sent to New York to marry a yeshiva student by a Bnei Brak rabbi who made money on the arrangement, arrived here last night.

Tzipora, 19, told reporters she wanted to warn other young girls so they would not "get stuck." She explained that she had studied in the Or Haim yeshiva in Bnei Brak for four years, but because of financial strain in her family of 12, she rejoined the family in Jerusalem and went to work.

Shortly thereafter, she said, she had received a phone call from Rabbi Yehoshua Godolovski of the yeshiva, who offered to send her to New York so she could find a better job. She took up the offer, and was presented with a one-way plane ticket. But, she said, Rabbi Godolovski took the foreign currency allotment she was entitled to.

In New York she was met by the rabbi's son and daughter-in-law, who live in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. When immigration officials questioned the girl's status, since she had come with a tourist

visa but only a one-way ticket, her hosts explained she was to meet her future husband.

"I nearly fainted," said Tzipora. "I had come to study or work — not to get married." The immigration officials took her passport, which was later returned to the Godolovskis in Williamsburg.

Tzipora claimed she had heard stories about other girls tricked into going to New York to be paired off with yeshiva students, and at least one of them had returned to Israel a divorcee. "And the students they wanted me to marry — they were enough to drive you crazy," she complained.

When she realized the Godolovskis were withholding her passport from her, she turned to the Israeli consul in New York, who arrived at their home with a police guard, and convinced them to give Tzipora the passport. After further pressure, Tzipora said, she also got the money for a return ticket. The three-and-a-half month adventure ended last night when she was greeted with shouts and tears at the airport by her family. (Ilim)

A ILIM BETTERMENT fund has been established by the Haifa Municipality and the Housing Ministry to improve the fronts of houses, entrances and stairwells in various parts of the city.

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Jerusalem residents and visitors from the U.S. are invited to mark the American Bicentennial on Friday, July 2, 11.45 a.m., at the site of the

Liberty Bell Garden

corner of King David and Jabotinsky Streets, Jerusalem. American visitors from selected cities will be photographed at the bell site for their home-town newspapers, from 11.15 a.m.

Ben-Ari about-face: El Al to join charters

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Travel Correspondent

In a surprise about-face yesterday, El Al's general manager Mordechai Ben-Ari announced that the national carrier has decided to join in charter flight operations, recently approved by the Government.

Ben-Ari made the announcement at a meeting in Jerusalem of the Tourism Ministry's representatives in Europe. He said El Al would participate in charters from various areas opened to these operations by the Government, and particularly from Scandinavia.

Ben-Ari has been one of the most uncompromising opponents of charter operations, claiming that this form of supplemental air transport would in fact harm Israel's tourist trade and endanger her aviation records with other countries. He said that it was necessary to promote Israel as a major tourist destination.

The El Al chief praised the Tourism Minister, Moshe Kol, for his foresight in spurring the construction of the infrastructure, including adequate accommodation, which is now vindicated by the increasing flow of visitors.

The Minister had earlier told the conference that tourism from Europe in the first five months of this year had soared by 52 per cent compared to the similar period in 1975. The 36,200 visitors from France constituted an increase of 82 per cent, partly as a result of the rising popularity of "week-end" tourism from that country and the growing number of "solidarity" visits by French Jews.

Britain was only slightly behind with almost 30,000 tourists, an increase of 34 per cent, and 22,500 came from Scandinavian countries compared to 12,600 in 1975 (up 78 per cent).

Last of 'Minsk colonels' denied visa to leave USSR

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The last of the "Minsk Colonels," Lev Ovsiashcher of Minsk, is still struggling to get to Israel.

Ovsiashcher, a retired Red Army colonel, has been told by the Soviet authorities that he would not be allowed to go to Israel for at least another four years, the last is still considered by them as possessing secret information although he retired from military service 15 years ago. This was reliably learned here yesterday.

The most prominent among the group of "colonel" activists, Yefim Davidovitch, died in March after a series of heart attacks which began during a KGB detention. Another former Red Army officer, Col. Naum Olschansky, was allowed to come to Israel a year ago.

Ovsiashcher, in his fifties, was told that he is still classified as a security risk, during a meeting which he arranged recently at KGB headquarters in Minsk with a group of officers from the unit in which he served. They gave evidence to the effect that he could not possibly

have access to classified data. Not only did the meeting bear no satisfactory results for Ovsiashcher, but he was warned about a 15-member Jewish history seminar he is conducting.

Another Minsk aliyah applicant may soon be put on trial on charges of evading military service. He is Gregory Hass, who did full military service and was discharged nine years ago. The Soviets have been refusing him an aliyah permit on the favourite pretext that he still possesses military secrets.

When Hass protested that this is impossible in view of the number of years he has already been out of service, he was called to take part in an advanced officer military training course.

Hass is refusing to attend the course, saying that he is not ready to serve in any army aside from the I.D.F., and arguing further that the call-up is yet another ploy to delay his exit. If he takes part in the course, he says, the Soviets will argue that he has acquired new secret information and will be able to prevent his departure for at least another 10 years.

'Better quality of life in the development towns'

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev yesterday appealed to the country's news media to "do justice" to Israel's development towns by telling the world about their accomplishments.

Bar-Lev, chairman of the Inter-Ministerial committee for development towns, was speaking at a press conference in Jerusalem, where he was joined by the mayors of Ashdod, Netivot and other development towns.

According to Bar-Lev, "Experience has shown that social barriers separating Jews from different national origins fall faster in development towns than elsewhere in Israel."

He also claimed that the "quality of life" in development towns today is superior to that in other Israeli communities. He said this superiority went beyond physical ecology

such as unpolluted air. "The social ecology also seems far better. The educational level in their schools is just as high as that in Tel Aviv or Haifa. The only difference is that in development towns the children know what courtesy and etiquette mean."

Statistics released at yesterday's press conference showed that 1,650 families moved into 20 development towns in 1975. Some of these families were new settlers from abroad and the others were Israelis re-locating from older cities and towns. The average age of the families was 30 and most of the families had two children.

Heads of development towns invited all Israelis to come and join them. They said 3,000 more workers are needed in development towns industries right now, and more will be needed when 48 new factories, now under construction, are completed.

Bakery owner hid income of IL9 million

BEERSHEBA. — The owner of a local bakery was Sunday found guilty of failing to report IL9m. in income to the tax authorities during the years 1965-73. However, district Court Judge Eliyahu Glasser acquitted Leon Berger and his firm of intentionally concealing income to avoid payment of taxes. Berger was accused by the prosecution of failing to report income

of IL11m, making this the biggest tax prosecution in an Israeli court. The concealment of income was uncovered by discrepancies between income reported in tax returns and the total production of bread reported to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to claim government subsidies. Sentence will be passed at a later date. (Itim)



Raising their hands towards the Tora scroll, 50 Russian immigrant boys became Bar Mitzva at the Western Wall in Jerusalem yesterday morning. The ceremony was organized by Hama (Havurat Mesakei Harabi), a Lubavitch-oriented organization, which gave Tora lessons in State schools in Jerusalem. The boys, who stood together under a large tallit (prayer shawl) during the Tora reading, each received at the end a prayer book from a representative of the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

Another Bar Mitzva celebrant at the Wall yesterday was Jacob Ribicoff, grandson of Democratic Senator Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut. (Weiss)

Lahat against policy committee on demolitions

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mayor Shlomo Lahat has categorically rejected an opposition proposal to set up an all-party committee to decide on the policy for demolishing illegally-built structures.

The mayor, who has launched an all-out campaign against illegal construction and the takeover of public lands in the city, explained that in this case the municipality has no more than executive powers.

"The courts decide which buildings are to be torn down, and we see to it that courts' decisions are implemented," he said. "There is no point in having a committee review court decisions and then deciding which of them we should adhere to and which we should ignore."

The Alignment opposition faction, to which 11 of the 31 city council members belong, has made the proposal in view of the violent reac-

tions to some of the latest demolition orders carried out by municipal inspectors. Last month an order to tear down a workshop put up illegally by a Kibbutz resident in the Hahitva Quarter resulted in a major riot, with Molotov cocktails and grenades hurled at police. Earlier Jaffa Arabs rioted when a garage and a warehouse put up without a permit were wrecked.

Lahat argues that such policy committees existed in the past and that they contributed to the "evil" that produced the total anarchy in construction here. The committee deliberations resulted in endless delays," after which the illegal construction was a fait accompli, he said.

Since the beginning of 1975 the city has carried out 120 demolitions. Nineteen more potentially difficult cases have been referred to the police, who are to schedule the demolitions.

Unorganized workers to benefit from sick pay

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — About 150,000 wage earners, roughly one-quarter of the country's total, will benefit from statutory sick pay beginning October 1, under a new law which will be gazetted soon. The law was passed by the Knesset on the initiative of Knesset Member Moshe Shahal (Labour) and Haifa Labour Council attorney Yisrael Gil, who drafted it four years ago.

"We submitted it to fill a gap in existing labour legislation which did not grant large groups of unorganized wage earners in the services, office workers and shop assistants, any statutory right to sick pay, because their work is not covered by any collective wage agreements," Shahal and Gil explained here this week.

These employees will now be entitled to a minimum of 18 days of sick pay a year (one-and-a-half days per month) at the rate of at least 75 per cent of their salary. The sick pay entitlement is cumulative up to a period of five years, or a maximum of 90 days. As an alternative to the legal obligation of sick pay, employers can insure their employees with any of the

recognized insurance funds at a premium of 2.5 per cent of their gross pay.

The majority of wage earners already enjoy the right to sick pay under collective agreements or through insurance funds. (Civil servants have a right to one month's sick pay per year with an unlimited period of accumulation; the Mivtahim Fund grants sick pay of up to 50 per cent for up to ten months a year.) The law for the 150,000 unorganized wage earners lays down a minimum rate which can be improved by agreement between employer and employee. Among those who will benefit from the new law, beginning October, will be domestic servants.

British tourist robbed

SAFAD. — A British tourist was held up at gun point in a public park here on Sunday.

Wanda Joan Harbin, 20, who is staying at Kibbutz Gevat, arrived in Safad by bus, and was followed to the park by a fellow passenger who was wearing an army uniform and carrying a gun.

Harbin said the man threw her to the ground and took her purse, which contained only IL50. (Itim)

Mercenaries

(Continued from page one)

pesto da Silva read the verdict of the five-judge people's revolutionary tribunal.

Gearhart and Barker in particular seemed shocked, and wilted at hearing the death penalty pronounced since no testimony had been given or prosecution witnesses produced to accuse them of murder.

Callan, who admitted ordering the massacre of 14 British mercenaries who refused to fight, was in handcuffs for the rendering of the verdict and was listening in on his head set. He made no outward sign of having understood what was being read, but his sister in a rear row of the courtroom burst into tears.

The final verdict accused Britain and the U.S. of complicity in recruiting "private armies" to bring down Black Africa's revolutionary governments and regarded the individual mercenaries "as instruments in this political orchestration." The CIA was declared guilty of financing the mercenary recruitment programmes in Britain and the U.S. as part of "Dr. Kissinger's new look in foreign policy after Vietnam," which meant changing the colour of the corpses.

Although only Callan, who ordered the massacre, and McKensie, who helped carry out the order, were accused directly by any witnesses of murder, and the main counts against them were made by the other mercenary prisoners who had witnessed the massacre, all 13 were said in the verdict to have engaged in plunder, blowing bridges, sacking, raping and "unwarranted killing."

Barker received the maximum penalty because he commanded troops. Gearhart was captured three days after his arrival from the U.S. and never fired a shot but was condemned to death for having run an advertisement offering himself as a mercenary.

The five-judge tribunal, four men and a woman, all signed the sentence without disagreeing with any of the prison terms or death verdicts meted out. The court discouraged defence contentions raised by the attorneys that there was "no crime in international law of being a mercenary." (AP, UPI, Reuters)

Two jailed for throwing grenade at J'lem cafe

The Jerusalem District Court on Sunday sentenced two men for having thrown a hand-grenade into a Kiryat Yovel cafe in April last year.

Ya'acov Balitti was sentenced to four years imprisonment, with an additional suspended term of 18 months for having thrown the grenade — because the cafe owner had testified against him. Mahluf Maril was given a two-year jail term with an additional suspended sentence of 18 months for assisting Balitti in the crime.

The incident occurred after a gang of burglars had been apprehended in the capital. The owner of the Wimpy cafe in Kiryat Yovel's commercial centre, who had purchased stolen goods from the gang, agreed to turn state's witness. He was warned by Balitti not to testify. After he did in fact take the witness stand a grenade was lobbed into his shop.

The court refused to take into account Balitti's record as a accomplice in the Yom Kippur war, or the defence claim that Maril had not thrown the grenade and did not know what was about to take place when he drove Balitti to the Wimpy shop.

The maximum sentence was not handed down, the court explained, as the two do not have a previous criminal record. (Itim)

Brothers get jail terms for 'vicious' murder

TEL AVIV. — Two brothers yesterday received 12 and 10-year sentences by the District Court here for a knifing murder committed last November. The two are Amram Adiri, who was given the longer prison term, and Avraham sentenced to 10 years.

The murder victim was Meir Akavia who had quarrelled with a relative of the accused, Yehudi Elton, in a Petah Tikva street. The young woman he was with, Amram Adiri, returned, accompanied by his younger brother, who stabbed Akavia 12 times as Amram held him down.

The court noted the especially vicious nature of the crime, pointing out that each knife thrust was sufficient to have caused the victim's death. (Itim)

Convict murdered in jail

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SHATTA PRISON. — Yafet Nagar, 34, serving a three-year sentence here for dealing in stolen property, was murdered in his cell early Sunday morning. Police suspect "settling of accounts" as the motive for the murder.

According to a police official, about 6.30 Sunday morning a number of prisoners staged a fight in the prison mess hall during breakfast. While the two guards on duty attended to the squabble, the door to the hall was locked by other prisoners. This gave three other prisoners outside the locked hall the opportunity to kill Nagar. Covering their heads with undershirts, they broke into Nagar's cell, and drove away Nagar's three cell-mates. They then beat Nagar with iron bars.

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Talks break down between MFC, seamen

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Negotiations broke down yesterday between the new management of Maritime Fruit Carriers and the Israeli seamen. The firm has reinstated Israelis Milla Brenner and Ya'acov Meridor, who were eased out of the MFC management earlier this year, as joint general managers. Adam Chisik, secretary of the Sea Officers' Union, told this reporter he is returning home "because there is no point in staying on."

The talks over the seamen's claims have reached "total deadlock," he said. Involved were 160 Israeli officers and 120 seamen of other ranks. The company owed them 1.8 million dollars in social benefits apart from back pay. Chisik had stayed on in London to negotiate with the new management, because the men wanted job security even before money. "But I found that they were only playing for time. We were ready to accept a bank guarantee for the money owed us, but they are not ready to do even that," Chisik complained.

He was given to understand that the new president and joint managing director Ya'acov Meridor was also going to Israel, and believed he planned, together with Oved Ben-Ami, a new member of the board of directors, to secure a government guarantee. Chisik was indignant at such an idea, believing that the big banks, especially the Bankers Trust of New York were a driving force behind such a scheme. He had already been in touch with the Government in Jerusalem yesterday.

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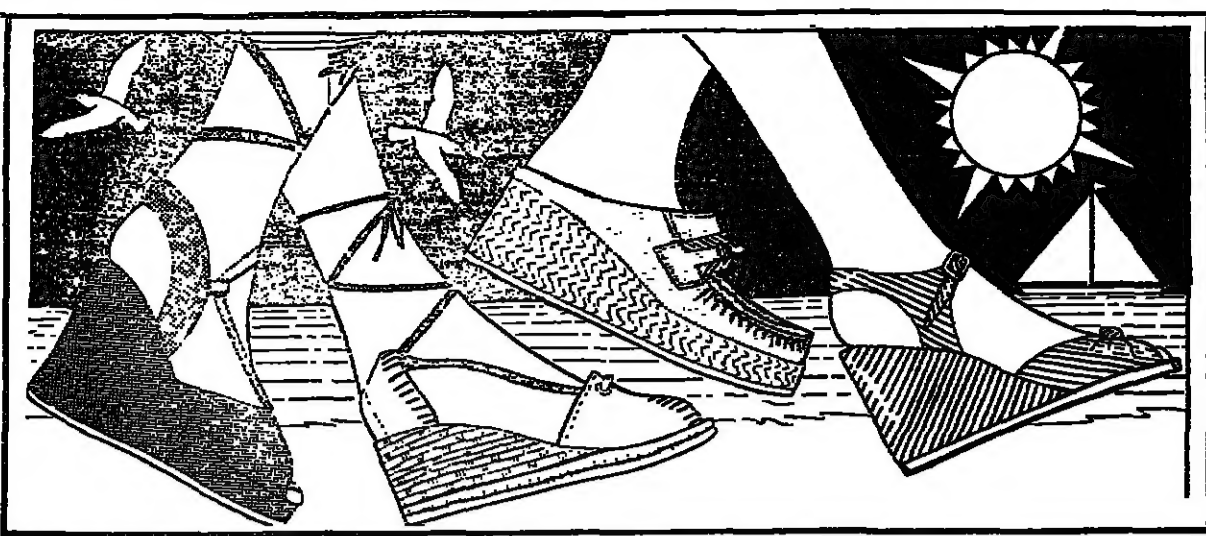
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THE FIFTH PAGE



Some of the shoes now making strides through Europe — and Israel too.

Jeans are the great universaliser

WHEN IT COMES to clothes, it turns out that we're not so very different from the Europeans — or the Americans — or, in this year of djellabas, caftans and rope sandals — from the Arabs either. The whole of female Europe, for example, is dressed in jeans and cheesecloth, bared at the midriff for the summer heatwave. On a quick three-week trip through several countries, I sometimes sat in a café and found it difficult to decide in what country I was — people looked and dressed so alike.

The only difference is in the price you pay for your faded denim or your frilly cheesecloth. In Paris, you're likely to have to fork out the price of a Michelin-recommended five-course meal on a set like that, while in London you'll get it for the

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS
Joanna Yehiel

price of — well, not a cuppa, but — a curry and chips! Yet, the way they in England, moaning about the way prices have gone up and up, surrounded by shirts at £2.99 and dresses from £3 up (roughly IL42 after our last devaluation).

Actually, we're not so badly off here when it comes to cheap clothes, what with the Carmel Market in Tel Aviv, the scores of cheap T-shirt shops, and our second-hand clothes stores, plus, of course, Ala, which can rank, in clothes and prices, with

Marks and Spencer. Shoes, too, are as good here (and, if you look for them, as cheap) as anything most European cities have to offer. In fact, the only thing we lack as far as good clothes bargains go that I noticed is in the children's and baby's clothes departments, where M and S and all the other department stores throughout Europe have rows upon rows of beautiful, washable, colour-fast, wearable clothes in all shapes and sizes. And all relatively cheap (they know how fast a child grows) without the frills and ribbon lacing or puffed sleeves that our manufacturers often seem to delight in. Perhaps, as our adult fashion industry has made such great strides in the past few years, our children's fashion firms will take another look at its styles (and prices).

ABOUT TOWN / Sraya Shapiro

A setting for music making

THE SPACIOUS living room in the Jaffa home of Claire Szilard, painter and stained-glass designer, becomes a musical sanctuary once a month during the rainy season. Chairs and benches, some of them borrowed from neighbours, leave a carefully guarded space for the piano, and the string or wind players and their music stands. Her paintings, colourful fantasies, hang on the walls. Green plants creep over the doors. There are bookshelves, big folders of drawings, an unfinished bust on a table. The lights at the far end of the gamma-shaped room are put out. Music.

This, one feels, is the ideal setting for chamber music. Claire Szilard invites only those whom she knows to be ardent music-lovers. The players are, as a rule, members of the Israel Philharmonic who try out on her guests their new programmes of chamber music.

The link with the IPO is not accidental. Imre Baum, Claire's late husband, played the French horn with the Israel Philharmonic for years. "He was a humanist," Claire says. He had always wanted young people with a real feeling for music but no money for tickets to be able to hear chamber music in an authentic "chamber" atmosphere. But the project did not take shape until after



Claire Szilard's stained glass window for the Ihud Shivat Zion Synagogue, Tel Aviv.

his death, six years ago. There was nothing planned about

it, though. "Yaakov Mishori, a member of the Orchestra and a personal friend, said it would be nice to get together and play at my home in Imre's memory. So in January 1971 we had a little concert of four horns, and an audience of thirty or forty friends. Then other players wanted to make music in Imre's memory. So it became a tradition."

Claire Szilard, aided by her painter-friend Peter Rosza, arranges approximately one concert a month during the winter season. When summer sets in, the windows have to be opened and then the constant din from Old Jaffa's streets make music-making impossible.

A concert at Claire Szilard's is always an experience, an event. But some are more memorable than others. We remember one in January, 1972. It was raining hard and the electricity failed throughout the country. "We were sure, Peter and I, that nobody would come. But it was too late to cancel the concert, so we prepared a lot of candles and waited. Well, everybody came on time — even the performers." It was the Woodwind Quartet, with Uri Topolski. The wind penetrated from outside, and the candles flickered. There was never anything like that before. Or since.

Britain's leaking government

By ADAM RAFAEL

LONDON — The British Government, which likes to conduct its affairs in secrecy, is being plagued by leaks. In the past month, a series of politically damaging disclosures have embarrassed Ministers.

First there was the row over the premature naming of several of the more contentious show business and business characters from Sir Harold Wilson's retiring honours list. Then a highly sensitive Foreign Office report on immigration was sent to Snook Powell who made full use of it to claim that there was an infinite pool of black Commonwealth citizens waiting to come to Britain.

The latest leak enabled the weekly magazine "New Society" to quote secret Cabinet documents in racing the Government's volte-face on a scheme for child benefits and as perhaps the most damaging of all, if the reports are to be believed — and it seems they are — Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey misled his colleagues about the union reaction to withdrawal of the scheme, which would have benefited the poorest children.

Prime Minister James Callaghan as now ordered a major investigation by Sir Douglas Allen, the head of the Civil Service, to trace the leak's source. But judging by the results of such inquiries, it is unlikely to find the actual offender and its purpose seems more designed to tighten those who might think of

similar action in future.

Most leaks of Cabinet discussions have in the past come from Ministers who, when fighting rearguard battles against colleagues, decide that a useful tactic is to spread knowledge of their good fight by tipping off a friendly political correspondent. That has always been a part of the system and provided it was done discreetly and not too explicitly was usually tolerated.

The Government's embarrassment has not been helped by one of its own junior Ministers, William Price, who in an extraordinary speech appeared recently to accuse his Ministerial colleagues for being responsible for most of the current leaks.

"I have come to the conclusion that there are more singers in Whitehall than in the whole of the Rhondda Valley," said Price, who is in charge of coordinating Government information. "This is the conclusion and premeditated leakage of top-level discussions and decisions for the most doubtful reasons."

Undoubtedly one of the sources for the recent crop of leaks is the new wave of political advisers who have been recruited by Ministers from

outside the normal ranks of the Civil Service to help and advise them on policy. Whereas career civil servants have little reason to help inquiring reporters, the new breed of politically aware, ambitious young men who surround Ministers are much more likely to be of help. Often, of course, they are used as a suitable conduit by Ministers to spread their side of an argument.

Another difficulty in keeping the lid on Whitehall is the confusion surrounding the Official Secrets Act. At present any unauthorized disclosure, even the name of the Prime Minister's barber, is in theory liable to lead to a prosecution of both the publisher of the information and his source. The Franks Committee has recommended that the Act should be replaced by a much more limited measure which would use criminal penalties as a sanction for only the most sensitive information such as budget and defence secrets. In the meantime it is certain that none of the recent leakers, or those who printed their disclosures need fear prosecution.

The Whitehall machine goes through its routine, traditional inquiries. Ministers shake their heads and Permanent Secretaries complain that things are not what they were. But the demand for more open government is growing and is unlikely to be stopped whatever the threat or whatever the sanction. (Oms)

Tribute to a pioneer

By SYBIL KAUFMAN

research in Israel for his forthcoming book (this month) to be entitled: "American Christian Interest in a Jewish State: Pro-Zionist Support and Anti-Zionist Opposition."

Dr. Voss says that he has never called himself a Zionist because he believes this is a term which has been earned by the Jewish people. For a Christian to call himself a Zionist is a misnomer. "I call myself a proponent of a Jewish national homeland and one who believes in the establishment of a Jewish commonwealth."

Dr. Voss began work in interfaith relations in 1943 with the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, serving as its extension secretary and editor of its newsletter until 1948. Later in 1948 Dr. Voss was appointed Director of the Christian Council on Palestine which later became the American Christian Palestine Committee.

WHAT WERE the purposes of this committee? To alert Christians to the plight of Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe and protest the persecutions and planned extermination of Jewry by Hitler; to make the situation a matter of Christian concern and to

emphasize that the Jewish problem was really a Christian problem; to see that the gates of Palestine were opened as a refuge for the people and to abrogate the British White Paper; to ask that the gates of other countries, including the United States, be opened to the Jews escaping from Europe; to provide for international guarantees for a national homeland for the Jewish people as offered in the Balfour Declaration; and to point out to the world the accomplishments of the Palestinian Jewish pioneers, their reclamation of the soil, planting of trees and absorbing of immigrants.

Two years later, Dr. Voss was invited by David Ben-Gurion and Dr. Chaim Weizmann to attend the World Zionist Conference in London as Christian observer and there he helped organize the World Committee for Palestine comprised of non-Jewish proponents of Zionism in 29 countries.

Between 1949 and 1953, Dr. Voss conducted four study tours of Christian leaders through Arab countries and Israel under the auspices of the American Christian Palestine Committee. He also lectured at the New School for Social Research in New York on various courses related to Israel as well as his fields of philosophy and religion and other institutions. He has written numerous books related to Israel and Jewish topics.

Dr. Voss returns to the United States at the end of the ICCJ Conference for a few months, then returns next autumn for another semester at Tantor and continued research on his book.

Doing things the bureaucrats can't

By LEA LEVAVI / Jerusalem Post Reporter

mother of seven children she is now organizing other women in her block to keep the building clean and to maintain a club for their children which the volunteers opened in a shelter. "We got to Rachel, and a few others like her, just in time. These mothers reach a point of no return where the hardships of their lives get the better of them and then it's too late to interest them in anything."

Among the volunteers are members of Oded, a group (largely of kibbutz youth) which volunteers for a year's service in development towns prior to army service. Because the army is less willing to defer army service for boys, most of the Oded groups are heavily loaded with girls — though there is now an effort to set up groups of post-army boys and perhaps even to include some of the pre-army girls with them.

Tal, one of the Oded girls, supervises a club in a school shelter. Here, older children help younger ones with homework, and volunteers assist when necessary. Books and educational games are also available.

"There are some things which are

frustrating," Tal admitted. "Sometimes I plan things, together with the children or with a group of mothers, and when it comes time to carry them out nobody comes or very few show up. For example, I wanted to organize a group to participate in a march. The next day, two girls came to the rehearsal and only one wore the uniform we had agreed on. I invited some girls to my kibbutz and they were all very excited. But when the time came only two girls went with me."

"Sometimes people try to test the volunteer's endurance," Benny Levy suggested. "After all, they have had bad experiences with volunteers who promise a lot and then lose interest."

Yaakov, a local boy who is head of the Youth Department at the community centre, agreed. "People are also a little bit afraid of needing help from others. For me, it's different because I received my education outside Or Akiva and have different ways of looking at things."

"I can't imagine Or Akiva without the volunteers," Eliahu Amar, mayor of the town, said. "I was always very sceptical about volunteers but in the six months or so

since these people have been here they have changed so much and done such a good job that I have gone to the other extreme and am an all-out supporter."

"It's too early to talk about dramatic changes," Yaakov said. "Change is a process and doesn't happen overnight."

"Our goal is for the volunteers not to be needed here anymore," Zamir said. "After a year or two, local residents should be able to do all the things we're doing. One secret of our success is to involve the young people in all our plans and activities and to develop local leadership. A woman like Rachel represents a kind of local leadership."

Mr. Levy pointed out that the volunteer project in Or Akiva, though an excellent example, is only a small part of the Ministry's effort to use volunteers in depressed areas. Similar programmes are under way in 25 other disadvantaged communities as well as in the poorer quarters of the large cities.

Since similar voluntary efforts seem to be a part of so many organizations' work, I asked Mr. Levy if there are not perhaps too many cooks trying to stir the same broth. "I won't talk about duplication in the field, though it exists. Let me just point out that most of our volunteers are recruited through women's organizations, youth groups and other organized bodies so that professional help and supervision can be given to groups rather than to individuals." The Centre for Volunteer Service in the Prime Minister's Office was notably absent from the recruitment sources.

called a senior citizen. She has retired from paid work and spends all her time and energy for Israel. Slim and elegant, she packs more into a day than many junior citizens can cope with. At the moment she is in Nahariya at the invitation of Fredi Dura. They met when Fredi took his enormously popular comedy act to Australia. There he donated several of his shows to this particular cause and proved to be a highly successful fund-raiser. The brilliant comedian and the dynamic president became fast friends and more visits are contemplated to help our wounded soldiers.

"Israel's soldiers are defending Jews everywhere" is the principle behind Operation Wheelchair, and Mrs. Bergman will report to the Sydney branch that their efforts are appreciated wherever soldiers need help.

Operation wheelchair

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hardly any do." Determined to prove him wrong, Mrs. Parry cancelled her appointments and went straight to the hospital. There on the spot she made up her mind to help, with all the influence and dedication she could muster. Within a year 18 wheelchairs — the most urgently needed equipment — had been sent out. Since that time thousands of pounds worth of equipment has come to military hospitals in Israel.

The branch in Sydney recently sent a \$15,000 micro-surgery unit. There was a problem about its dispatch, as

there is a prohibition against exporting from Australia over \$5,000 worth of goods without a special permit, but after some energetic lobbying, this was granted. Mrs. Bergman, after an interview with Maj.-Gen. Eldar of the Rambam Hospital in Haifa, has pledged her group to supply a heart monitor and will start work on this project as soon as she gets back. Every penny collected goes towards buying equipment. All administrative expenses are borne by the members of the organization. Technically Mrs. Bergman may be

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Above left, Dr. Zeev (Vladimir) Greenfield of Hadera, formerly Leningrad, examines a baby inside the Army ambulance. (Photo: Jesse Zel Lurie) Below left, Lebanese patients cross the border fence. (Photo: Yoram Hamizrahi) Above, Dr. Abraham with the 70-year-old woman who could no longer thread a needle. (Photo: Jesse Zel Lurie)

"Pray for peace," the army doctor told an elderly Lebanese woman. "If there is peace between our two countries, you can come to Safed for glasses." JESSE ZEL LURIE reports from the Lebanese border.

Tending the sick at "Checkpoint Healing"

THE NINE-YEAR-OLD Lebanese girl had a slight fever, thought to be the residue of pneumonia, which had not been completely cured. She had been hospitalized at Marj Ayoun, two or three miles north of Metulla. The Moslem deserters from the Lebanese Army had taken over the town. There was much shooting around the hospital. The little girl was scared. So were her Christian doctors who fled. Somehow her family got her home.

In her home village, she was treated by a Christian nurse. When the nurse's medicines ran out she left for Beirut to try to find more medicine and search for her husband from whom she had not heard for months. She never returned. Her fate and that of her husband are unknown to the Christian villagers of Southern Lebanon. And no other medical help was available.

The child's fever persisted. Her family decided to take her across the border into Israel for help. Now she was a peaceful 90m. from Lebanon, where a cruel civil war raged, being examined by Dr. Fabian Abraham of the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, on his Army reserve duty. As Dr. Fabian put his stethoscope to her chest, she looked over the black kippa on his head to the rippling apples on the trees and her mother's smiling face. She remembered the last time she had been examined by a doctor in Marj Ayoun, amid the sounds of shells and guns. She turned to her mother:

"Mommy, isn't there a war here?" The mother patted her head. Dr. Abraham's orderly, 42-year-old Amnon Aharon, a foreman at Paz-Chem in Ashkelon, was born in Iraq and speaks Arabic. He answered the child:

"Of course not, darling. This is Israel."

"Can I live here and go to school here?" the girl persisted.

The mother shook her head at Amnon. "Of course you can," he replied. "But later when there's peace it will be easier for your family to come here. Will you pray for peace?"

"Yes," she replied. Dr. Abraham pronounced her lungs clear of pneumonia. He diagnosed the cause of her fever as a mild case of tonsillitis and gave her an antibiotic. The mother thanked him and kissed his hand.

"PRAY FOR PEACE," was a phrase often used by Dr. Abraham during the day we spent with him under the apple trees. (The following day, the Army put up a tent for him and gave him a white coat.)

Dr. Abraham is an eye doctor at Hadassah. Last week he received a Hebrew University prize of IL1,000 for a series of articles on "Ophthalmology in the Talmud."

When on army reserve duty he is a general practitioner and doesn't usually carry ocular instruments. In Kiryat Shmona there is a Kupat Holim eye clinic which is presently unmanned. (Eye patients in Upper Galilee have to travel to Safed). When several Lebanese with eye diseases turned up last week, Dr. Abraham asked them to return on the day that we were there. Meanwhile he had gone to Kiryat Shmona to borrow ocular instruments from the unmanned Kupat Holim clinic.

Word quickly spread around the Lebanese villages that an eye doctor was available across the border. For over a year, they had been cut off from the ophthalmologists and optometrists of Beirut, the nearest source of eyeglasses. So many Arabs who needed glasses came across the border at what may one day be called "Checkpoint Healing."

At this point on the Beirut road there is a signpost with a large red Magen David and an arrow pointing towards a gate in the border fence. The sign says in Hebrew "mirpea" and in Arabic "The Magen David Adom clinic is open from 10 to 12 and 14.00 to 16.00 hrs."

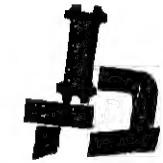
We saw a 70-year-old woman in long black robes who complained that she could no longer thread a needle. We saw a 15-year-old near-sighted girl in a printed summer dress, whose glasses made in Beirut when she was younger, were no longer strong enough. Those with puffed eyelids and other symptoms of eye disease were treated by Dr. Abraham. For eyeglasses he could do nothing.

"Pray for peace," he told the Arabs. "If there is peace between our two countries, you can come to Safed for glasses."

Meanwhile serious cases of illness are taken to Safed. We saw one baby who had been born without a rectum eight months ago at the American University Hospital in Beirut. The doctors there had opened up a passage through the abdomen and told the mother that when the child was older (and they would not be so busy with war casualties) they would operate and give the child an artificial rectum.

Meanwhile, the abdominal opening had to be kept clean with an antibiotic ointment. The mother had brought the Beirut prescription. Dr. Abraham refilled it and told the mother that in four months, when the child would be a year old, he should be taken to hospital for X-rays and a possible rectal operation.

"If there is peace, you can bring him to Safed," Dr. Abraham said. "Pray for peace."



Record Bar-Ilan University Graduation Tomorrow



Honours for 4 Jewish Leaders

Bar-Ilan University is having its largest graduation ceremony ever tomorrow when 1,000 students — 25 per cent more than previously — will receive bachelors, masters and Ph.D. degrees. The colourful ceremony will be attended by the President of Israel, Professor Ephraim Katzir, in whose name the University is establishing a Chair in Biophysics.

The Chancellor, Rabbi Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, has announced that Honorary Doctorates of Philosophy will be conferred on Emeritus Chief Rabbi Isaac Nissim, Rabbi Dr. Max Gruenewald and Dr. George S. Wise, and an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters on Mr. H. Jerome Sisselman.

EMERITUS CHIEF RABBI ISAAC NISSIM, is the former Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel. He early attained a reputation as a scholar, and his opinion was sought in religious matters. In 1955 he was elected Chief Rabbi, a post he held for 18 years. He strove to promote understanding and amicable relations between all sectors of the population. Rabbi Nissim is the author of numerous responses and several books.



MR. H. JEROME SISSELMAN is Vice-Chairman of the Bar-Ilan Board of Trustees. He is a builder by profession. A noted philanthropist and communal leader, he has long been an outstanding supporter of Bar-Ilan. His contributions to the University include the magnificent Moses L. Sisselman Students' Centre, presented in memory of his parents.

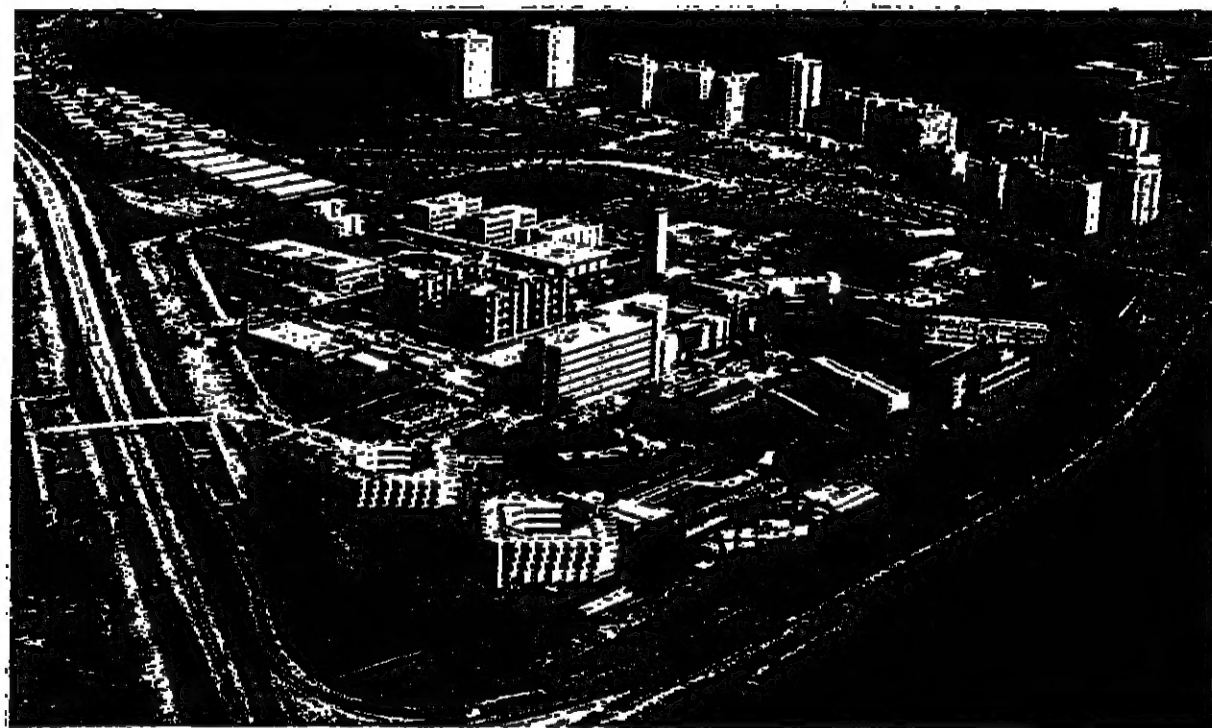
RABBI DR. MAX GRUENEWALD is President of the Leo Baeck Institute and Honorary President of the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe. For many years, he served as Rabbi of the B'nai Israel Congregation in Milburn, New Jersey, U.S.A. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Reichsvertretung, which represented the Jews of Germany during the Nazi period.



DR. GEORGE S. WISE is a leading figure in the field of academic education in Israel. He is Chancellor of Tel Aviv University and was its first President. He is also a former Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.



In his last public appearance as British Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Wilson (left) receives an honorary doctorate from Bar-Ilan. The degree was conferred by the Chancellor, Rabbi Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein (right). In the centre is Nobel prize winner Sir Ernest Boris Chain, who also holds an honorary doctorate from Bar-Ilan. The conferment took place at a dinner in London to mark the establishment of a Chair in Local Government at the University in the name of Lord Samuel Fisher of Camden, President of the British Board of Deputies.



Aerial view of the Bar-Ilan University campus.

Synthesis of Science and Religion

Bar-Ilan University, which today has more than 7,600 students, was established in 1955 as an institution for higher learning, designed to impart knowledge and encourage research in the liberal arts and sciences. In addition, Bar-Ilan has set as one of its primary goals the integration of that education with the spiritual traditions of the Jewish people.

The blending of these two traditions — the general and the Jewish — in the intellectual environment of a modern university, has constituted a unique contribution to higher education in Israel.

Today there are thousands of men and women in all walks of life, Israelis and people from overseas, who have acquired an academic education and a thorough understanding of Judaism at Bar-Ilan.

The research activities of the University have grown rapidly in recent years in all faculties. This is particularly apparent in the expansion of the post-graduate programme, the establishment of research institutes, inter-faculty and inter-departmental projects, the publishing programme, and the initiation of an applied and industrial research programme.

The University has branches in Ashkelon, Safed and Zemar (Jordan Valley) and a Research Institute in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Bar-Ilan is particularly sensitive to the need to bridge the gap in education and culture existing between the various ethnic groups in Israel, and to educate and integrate students from abroad. Special attention is paid to these aspects and encouraging results have been achieved.

NEW PHYSICS BUILDING

The Department of Physics at Bar-Ilan is moving into its new six-story building. The impressive structure is next to the Department's present home. The three upper floors of the new building house the research laboratories and offices of the Department, as well as the Physics Seminar Library. The ground floor has special purpose laboratories and mechanical and electronics work shops serving the entire Faculty of Natural Sciences.

In addition, there are two floors of offices and classrooms for general University use. These two floors have been occupied since 1974. The classroom floors were built in accordance with the same basic plan as the other floors, thus permitting this space to be converted to laboratory use with a minimum of expense, if the need arises.

Many innovations and services important in physics research were incorporated into the new building. The cost of construction was held to a minimum by the use of a modular design throughout and by meticulous adherence to the initial approved plans.

DID YOU KNOW?

- * Bar-Ilan is the only Israeli university that has a Charter from the New York Board of Regents. As a religious university, every Jewish student admitted, apart from special cases, is required to attend courses in Jewish studies, irrespective of his or her field of specialization.
- * The University offers 3,000 courses.

- * There are more than 275 research projects at Bar-Ilan.
- * Scholarships to a total value of IL2,000,000 were awarded to students this year.
- * The University has a special programme for students from abroad who complete high school in mid-winter. The programme lasts till mid-summer and yields a year's study credits.

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— Rabbi Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, Chancellor

Extensive Summer Programme

Overseas students will be able to participate in an expanded summer programme at Bar-Ilan this year. They will combine a visit to Israel with studies which can yield up to six university credits. Lessons are being combined with academically guided tours, and social activities. Groups will be coming from the United States, Canada and France.

Following the success in previous years, a four-week Hebrew language ulpan is planned for the general public, mainly new immigrants and tourists. Hebrew will be taught on three levels.

New courses, mainly in Jewish Studies, are being added to the regular Hebrew summer programme, especially for ex-servicemen and students who have been on reserve duty, so as to enable them to complete their year's studies.

According to Mr. Abraham Pomerantz, Academic Secretary and Head of the Summer Programme, registration has been encouraging and there is every possibility that the number of overseas students in the summer programme will be double last year's figure.

A Difficult Time Financially

Both the Rector of Bar-Ilan, Professor Milton Sprecher, and the Director-General, Mr. Matityahu Adler, state in their reports for the current year that it was a difficult one financially and budget cuts are having their effect on the development of the University.

Many of the cuts in the University's expenditure have been forced on to academia, says Professor Sprecher. Planned expenditure for the operation of the various departments in the coming year has been reduced by 15 to 50 per cent. Notices of non-renewal of contract have been sent to almost 10 per cent of the teaching staff.

In spite of these difficulties, Bar-Ilan's high academic standards are being maintained. Substantial steps have also been taken this year to strengthen the University's Jewish religious character.

Professor Sprecher points out that considerable progress has been made in improving the effectiveness and efficiency of academic administration. This has included the computerization of student course registration, and the use of on-line computer terminals.

In his review of the current year, Mr. Adler states that the difficult financial position of Israeli universities in general, and Bar-Ilan in particular, shows no sign of easing in the coming year and may even grow more difficult.

NEW BUILDINGS

"In spite of the tough financial position, we have a number of fine physical achievements to our credit this year. We have completed several badly needed buildings, such as the six-story Physics Building, the 175-bed dormitory built with the aid of the Harry and

Abe Sherman Foundation, the classrooms and auditorium between the Chemistry and Life Sciences Buildings, and the laying of the foundations for the Multipurpose Building which will contain the Mexican Jewry Wing."

But all this is now coming to an end and activities will have to be cut by 30 per cent next year. This will affect staff, both academic and administrative. Cuts will also be made in services, and the buying of new equipment and books.

Mr. Adler appealed to the University's friends and supporters as well as alumni in Israel and abroad to do their utmost to safeguard the future operation of Bar-Ilan, a university which has proved itself as a major centre for Jewish education and research, not only in Israel but the world over.



Mr. Philip Stollman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Medical Administration Course

Graduates of the first class in medical administration, organized by the Ministry of Health and the Institute of Local Government at Bar-Ilan University, received their certificates recently at a special ceremony attended by Minister of Health Victor Shavitov and heads of the University.

Professor Daniel J. Elazar, Head of the Department of Political Studies and the Institute of Local Government at Bar-Ilan, stated that the aim was to train a cadre of suitably qualified people for the administration of medical institutions in Israel.

The 12-month course is in two parts — the first theoretical and the second practical. In the first stage, students study background subjects, fundamentals of administration and organization, hospital and medical administration, and technicalities of administration. In the second stage, they are engaged in practical work at state hospitals.

Only candidates with a Bachelor degree in Social Sciences, or students about to complete such a degree are accepted. After the course, graduates are absorbed into the administrative network of state hospitals.

World-wide Representation at Trustees' Meeting

More than 60 delegates from all over the world are attending the annual meeting of the Bar-Ilan Board of Trustees.

One of the main items on the agenda is the University's budget and financial position in the light of the tight economic situation in Israel. The opening session was addressed by Minister of Education Aharon Yadin, and this evening Defence Minister Shimon Peres is to address Board members.

The Board has been considering reports by the Chairman, Mr. Philip Stollman; the Chancellor, Rabbi Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein; the Chairman of the Executive Council, Dr. Zerah Warhaftig; the Rector Professor Milton Sprecher; the Director-General, Mr. Matityahu Adler; the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Moshe Mann, and the Chairman of the International Board of Overseers, Dr. Joseph Burg. There have also been reports by Friends of the University abroad, headed by Mrs. Jerome L. (Jane) Stern, New York, Mr. Henry E. Knobil, Britain, and Mr. Michel Zimmerman, Canada.

Members of the Board are devoting a full day to intensive discussions with the Deans of the Faculties and the academic staff.

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TERROR RIDES AGAIN

THE THICK FOG of confusion and incommunicability which settled on Entebbe airport in Uganda with the unscheduled arrival there yesterday of the hijacked Air France plane, still has not lifted. The precise demands of the kidnappers, especially as they may relate to the 70-odd Israeli passengers have not yet been made public. Comment must therefore be reserved.

But enough is already known to warrant some early conclusions. What the world has just witnessed was the latest in a long series of acts of aerial piracy and destruction demonstrating the new traditional "division of labour" within the Palestinian terrorist movement.

First, a supposedly "radical" group, led by Habbash, or Hawatmeh, or Jibril, commits a spectacular crime in the name of the "Liberation of Palestine." Then comes the allegedly "moderate" PLO, under Arafat's official leadership, to act as apologist and exculpatory for the band of criminals and — most incredibly — as an attempted mediator, for which gracious services it proceeds to demand payment by recognition.

The hijackers who took over the Air France plane after boarding it in Athens originally ordered its pilot to land at the Benghazi airport in Libya. This was to be expected. A more natural haven for a Palestinian terrorist enterprise than Libya, the leading supporter and abettor of worldwide, but especially Palestinian, terrorism, could hardly have been conceived. But since Libya is negotiating a mammoth arms deal with France, it was apparently considered more prudent to redirect the aircraft to a Libyan client-state farther south, to Uganda. Which is where the plane rests for the moment.

If the UN Charter were still worth the paper it was printed upon, the Security Council might well have been rushed into session to consider this clear and present danger to world peace. But the Council has more urgent business on its agenda at this time, which is the "inalienable national rights" of the PLO mafia now threatening the inalienable human rights of more than 200 innocent aircraft passengers.

This, too, comes as no surprise. The utter impotence of the world community in thwarting Arab-initiated interference with international civil aviation has been notorious since the vicious prolonged detention of the abducted El Al plane in Algeria in the summer of 1968. Algeria's punishment for the crime was a forgiving smile. The following year, Syria was garlanded with membership in the Security Council for refusing to release, for many long months, two Israeli passengers aboard a hijacked TWA plane.

Last year Libya was similarly rewarded with a seat at the Council table for outstanding services to aerial pirates and murderers. But the true height of cynicism was surely reached when the ICAO, the guardian of world civil aviation, and the father of resolutions and conventions exhorting the "unlawful seizure of aircraft," invited the PLO to take part in its deliberations.

It has become a cardinal article of belief for most governments in the world, including those in the West — even, apparently, for the U.S. Administration — that they could appease the aggressor by bringing the PLO under their umbrella. In the West, no government has been more fervent in this belief than the French. Yet it is clear that this latest Palestinian action, while ultimately aimed at Israel, had for its immediate deliberate target none other than the French Government which is being accused of working in Lebanon — jointly with Syria and, believe it or not, Egypt — to "liquidate the Palestinian revolution."

It should be said in all fairness that France's conduct in this grave matter so far has been entirely honourable. But since the plane is now on Ugandan territory, the responsibility of dealing with the terrorists is most directly that of the Government of Uganda. Which means General Idi Amin. Gen. Amin has not exactly been a hero to Israelis of late. But it may perhaps be suggested to him that by the way he comports himself in the next few critical hours he may yet do a great deal to salvage his reputation in the eyes of the world.

ON THE SABBATH of June 29, 1946, the British Government, then the mandatory power in Palestine, struck with sudden vehemence at the small Jewish community in the country. The all too obvious purpose of the operation was to break the Yishuv's will to resist a "White Paper" policy designed to freeze Jewish immigration and settlement and to convert the country, in the not too distant future, into an Arab State.

Sweeping aside the solemn pledges of the Balfour Declaration, and the proud record of the Yishuv in helping Britain fight the Nazis and Fascists, the Labour Government ordered British troops to round up thousands of Jews, among them leading figures in the community, to occupy the Jewish Agency building in Jerusalem and confiscate their files, and to flush out by force, arms caches hidden by the Hagana in a number of settlements, notably at Yagur. This, they thought, would leave the Yishuv both leaderless and powerless to thwart the plot against Jewish sovereignty in the Jewish homeland. The move was planned in complete secrecy and in full coordination between the authorities in London and Jerusalem.

Indirectly, the action was meant by Prime Minister Clement Attlee and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin to give the lie to an argument advanced in Parliament by their Labour colleague Richard Crossman, who had been a member of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine earlier that year. Crossman had warned the Government that unless it carried out the Committee's (rather modest) recommendations, there would be no peace in Palestine and the Jews would keep up their battle for their rights.

As it turned out, Crossman was completely vindicated. In the wake of the "Black Sabbath," as it came to be known, the Yishuv's ranks intensified its struggle, and won even greater support overseas, especially in the U.S. The direct result was the UN decision the following year for the partitioning of Palestine and for the establishment of a Jewish State in one of its parts.

MYSELF was one of those arrested and dragged off — another was a venerable rabbi — to Latrun on that "Black Sabbath." On our arrival there we were greeted by a group of Palmach fighters who had been caught by the British in Upper Galilee some months earlier while helping to smuggle Jews across the border from Syria.

Most of the camp's inmates, however, were members of the disident groups, the Irgun Zva' Leumi and Lohamei Herut Yisrael (Lehi). Despite our political differences, we developed friendly relations with them, avoiding open polemic, during our four months and a week at Latrun. The camp's policemen, mostly British and Arab, treated us with respect, either on orders or because they were afraid to do otherwise.

We maintained regular correspondence with the outside world by means of secret notes tucked inside the empty returned food cases which we received full from our friends and relatives in Jerusalem. Here are some excerpts from letters sent from Latrun at the time to my wife, the late Bracha Habas.

July 7, 1946

By Herbert S. Levine

THE BIG NEWS HERE has been spies. Fifteen people were arrested on one day, and a sixteenth on the next. Then a new spy network was uncovered in West Berlin, allegedly involving the press spokesman of the ruling Social Democratic party (SPD) there. Some of those arrested were uncomfortably close to Foreign Office and Defence Ministry secrets, and others were industrial spies, according to the official announcements.

Spy stories are not new to West Germany. In 1974 the arrest of spy Guenter Guillaume brought down the government of Willy Brandt. Back in 1968 an investigation of spying in the Defence Ministry led to so many suicides that one high Ministry official took to answering his phone, "I'm still alive."

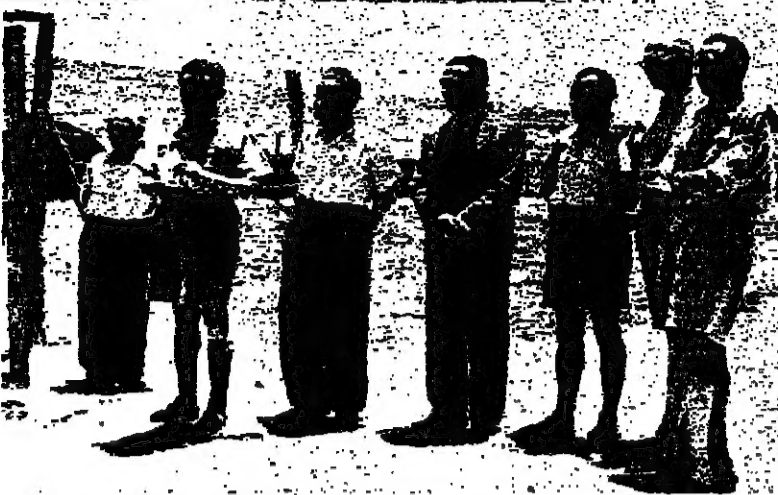
If the spy business is now booming, the reasons are simple enough. West Germany is the strongest military and industrial power in Western Europe, and it is also host to the bulk of American forces on the continent. There are more things here to interest the Communist world than anywhere else in the neighbourhood. And spying here is ridiculously easy. This is by product of three West German policies: the long-standing receptiveness of the country to refugees from the East, especially refugees from East Germany and from formerly German areas of Poland, the newer policy of maintaining detente with the East, and the policy of maintaining access to West and East Berlin.

Under West German law, all refugees from East Germany, and ethnic Germans from Poland, are entitled to West German citizenship. Millions of such people pour into the country before the building of the Berlin Wall in 1961, and a trickle has continued. Some of these new West Germans, like Guenter Guillaume, were agents of Eastern intelligence services, set to spy and recruit spies. The West German government has just signed agreements with the Russians allowing the exit of ethnic Germans from the USSR. Inevitably, some of these people will be spies.

Contact between the spies and their superiors is no problem. The

Black Sabbath

June 29, 1946 has gone down in Zionist history as "the Black Sabbath." On that day British troops arrested some of the leading personalities of the Yishuv and began exhaustive searches for arms caches in various parts of the country. DAVID HACOEN, one of the those arrested, here describes the Latrun detention camp, and gives excerpts of some of his letters to his wife, Bracha Habas, which were smuggled out of the camp.



At the Latrun camp, left to right, David Remez, Yitzhak Gruenbaum, Dov Joseph, A. Shenkarovsky, David Hacoen, Haim Alperin.

...In a note which must have reached you by now I gave a full description of the Latrun camp, including the V.L.P. shack which was set aside for us. We have no cause for complaint and we're not griping about our wretched quarters — an old wooden hut with a tin roof but without a ceiling over our heads; a 2 x 2 room for Moshe (Sharet), a similar one for Dov Josef, a slightly larger room for David Remez and Mordechai Shamer, and the fourth, the biggest of the lot, at the very edge of the hut, for Rabbi (Yehuda Leib) Maimon, Yitzhak Gruenbaum and me.

What really matters is that we should keep our spirits high and that we not fall prey to despair. We've received newspapers, with all the minute details of the search and destruction wrought at Yagur. I know Yagur better than any other kibbutz in the country, ever since its founding members settled there... alive with the noblest ideals of building the nation in its homeland, striking deep roots in its soil, lean and austere people all, who conquered the barren mountain and the marshland...

July 13, 1946

...I see in the paper that the searches in the settlements have stopped and that the Jewish Agency building has been evacuated. The authorities have pledged a cessation of their military activities if we for our part desist from acts of violence. What acts of violence are they talking about? If the yearning for a Jewish State is such violence, then

they had better be told firmly that we will desist from nothing. We must stand up stubbornly to the nefarious plots of the (British) rulers, and all of you on the outside must shy away from any concession, however ostensible, meant to improve our conditions of imprisonment. Trials and tribulations still await us. The bell tolls, and the hand written on the wall. It would be folly to ignore this. There's no way out. I'm afraid that we and the British will have to part company. Preferably we should part in peace, but if that proves impossible we'll part in anger and bear all the consequences.

August 9, 1946

According to "Davar" (Yitzhak) Ben-Aharon, who was released from Latrun, said at a welcoming party by the (Histadrut) Executive Committee in Tel Aviv that we're in good spirits, that our physical condition is excellent, and that in some measure it is all to the good that we should have had to undergo this ordeal. This is true. Moshe (Sharet), too, who has something haughty and dandyish about him, might profit from the experience: to be humiliated by a hostile power despite his elevated rank.

It says in the paper that Ben-Aharon spoke of the "detention of the members of the Jewish Agency Executive, the chairman of the National Committee (Ya'acov Leumi) and a member of its Executive Committee, and members of the Executive Committee of the Histadrut including David Hacoen." Since he singled out my name for special mention, I included me among senior official representatives of the Yishuv, I

should like you to know that the opinion was voiced during conversations here that I ought to dispatch letters to my English friends, with whom I collaborated in the war effort, urging them to seek my release on the strength of our close and my own praiseworthy services. I dismissed all such advice out of hand. I do not want any favours from them and, should anyone approach you with similar proposals you must on no account accept them, or believe for a moment that I would stoop to such indignity.

You doubtless remember my talk with Sir Charles Tegart early in the war. At the prompting of Ben-Katzenelson and other comrades I had left the Zionist Congress in general to go to London and discuss with Tegart plans for cooperation in the war. When we dined together at his club, Tegart told me, with disgust and contempt in his voice, how the English gentlemen in power in Jerusalem insisted on and succeeded in heeding his recommendation to the Government in London, after his return from service in this country, that I should be rewarded with an Order of the British Empire. Even then I was amazed by Tegart's kind recommendation that I should be awarded a decoration I neither needed nor esteemed and which would have put me indirectly under an obligation. I do not believe that my friends in London today, who hold no high rank in the Government, would be any more successful than Tegart was seven years ago in rewarding me for my contribution to the war effort, and in prevailing upon the Colonial Office and its despicable henchmen here to obtain my release from detention. In any case, as I've said, I would not think of making any appeal to them.

August 29, 1946
 I've read in "Davar" that while riding a car — what were you doing on the road altogether — you happened to meet Freund, who is suspected, together with Papanek, of having been the very visitors and informers who brought down our comrades. The paper says that you picked him up on the road after he had been freed from detention by our men, who pronounced him not guilty and allowed him to leave and even bade him farewell. It turns out that he has an alibi, and that he had no part in the crime.

And what about Papanek? It says in the paper that he was expelled from the country. Who expelled him and why? If he was innocent, why was he expelled? And if he was not, why was he expelled? These rumours since word reached us about base treachery within our own ranks, which led to the searches for hidden arms caches at Yagur — and Papanek's name was brought up in that connection — we have been asking ourselves how such perfidy could have occurred in our midst. Yes, if there be such a traitor, his verdict should be death; expulsion is no substitute.

Yet I must admit that I did not believe that we were also infected with the virus of treason. When we first heard these rumours about Papanek, I took up the matter with Remez and Moshe, and I expressed my fear that our comrades in Yagur might, in their distress, pass judgment on him without an exhaustive investigation. We must beware of slinging against justice, finding an innocent person guilty. A hasty judgment is a blot on us all.

demn this as "witch hunting." The CDU, which has no recipe for combating espionage, is glad to link the spy issue with the government's supposed softness on Communism. This does not mean that Germans are anti-democratic or anxious to return to a Nazi-like state. It simply means that they are genuinely worried about Communism, for very good reasons and they are genuinely puzzled about how to attack the problem.

The anti-Communist efforts of the past, which were closely linked to Nazism, do surface now and again, and this does hurt people who are barred from public employment because they once belonged to Communist groups. But the latest evidence suggests that most West Germans recognize the spying problem for the technical problem it is, and are prepared to leave its solution to quiet professionals.

READERS' LETTERS

MINISTER IS CRITICISED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — I refer to your readers' letters of June 7 and 8 concerning the reaction in the Knesset of the Minister of Absorption to Dr. Wexler's criticism.

The Minister objected to the fact that Dr. Wexler's criticism was generalized and included all the Ministry's employees. Specific constructive criticism is always welcome and receives serious consideration.

With regard to Mr. Blum's suggestion that Mr. Rosen visit the branch offices of his Ministry and not rely only on statistics, may I draw his attention to the fact, published in all newspapers including The Jerusalem Post, that the Minister visits absorption centres regularly once a week. His tours include branch offices, companies which employ new immigrants and homes of new immigrants.

ORIT KAHANOFF
 Assistant Spokesman
 Ministry of Absorption
 Jerusalem.

AIR FREIGHT POSSIBILITIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — Your editorial, "Air Freight dispute," (June 11) concludes with two alternatives: But in fact, if we are ever to become economically independent there is but one way — competition — free and unhampered. Free from monopoly and free from government intervention. Hopefully this is the alternative which has now been chosen. According to the record, it is clear that the El Al monopoly cost the economy far too much and weakened defence. Air cargo carriers other than El Al will be of use in time of war — and will add to our defence potential without any cost to the taxpayer and the economy.

Who knows how many potential developments have been held up by the high cost of air freight charged by El Al. \$750 a ton until competition threatened and then \$380 — and Had offers \$250. The enormity of the waste created by this monopoly was one of the main causes for holding back the speedy development of home farming in Israel, involving at least 10,000 dunams and 150,000 tons of additional air cargo in a short time. This would mean exports of \$90 million with very high net dollar earnings and profits without subsidies.

And while we argue and paid tremendous subsidies for this export because of El Al's monopoly, farmers in Morocco and similar places also eyed this highly profitable market — and no doubt moved in while we were still debating.

All monopoly is wasteful — this has been proven long ago. The Israeli taxpayer can no longer pay for it — and this in the end is the decisive factor.

SAM DUBINER

DISAPPEARANCE IN URUGUAY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — My father, Eduardo Bleyer, is a citizen of Uruguay, aged 48 and the father of four children. He disappeared in October 1970 when leaving the home of some relatives and nothing has been heard from him since. The military authorities in Uruguay have ignored all our requests concerning my father's whereabouts. According to information which reached my family, he is in prison and suffering because of his political views and his public activities.

In view of world press reports of large-scale arrests and torture in Uruguay, my father's disappearance causes me grave concern. I have appealed to many organizations and personalities in Israel, including the Ambassador of Uruguay in Jerusalem, and to international organizations such as Amnesty International and the Red Cross, but to no avail.

After eight months of fruitless enquiries, I appeal to the Israeli public opinion to help me find out where my father is and what happened to him.

IRENA BLEYER-LEVINHOFF
 Tel Aviv

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Spying is easy in West Germany

many Eastern bloc embassies and missions in Bonn, including the new East German mission, and the long-established Soviet embassy, maintain contact with their undercover people and try to recruit spies. But this direct contact is dangerous. The bulk of the business goes through Berlin. All that a spy living in a major West German city need do is choose one of the many daily flights to West Berlin, taking advantage of a sizable government fare subsidy. Once in Berlin he simply boards a bus from the airport and changes to the subway for the trip to the Friedrichstrasse entry point in East Berlin. After transmitting information to his receiving instructions, the spy reverses his tracks, and may return home hours after departure. He has gone through only cursory identity and baggage checks (for bombs, not microfilm), and left his name only on his flight ticket.

Thus, the West German counter-intelligence people are rather in the position of trying to empty the ocean with a sieve. There is no objective reason why the current state of spy arrests should be regarded as a political scandal. Spying here is a fact of life. If the Christian Democratic Union came into power, it could hardly expect to solve the problem either. For that would entail stopping the admission of refugees, breaking diplomatic ties with the East, and making access to both Berlins more difficult. But the CDU has no intention of doing any of these things.

The matter is nevertheless an election issue because West Germans find it difficult to accept that their country is still a battleground of the Cold War that was supposed to have

ended years ago. The Germans feel physically close to Communist dictatorship and are acutely aware of its horrors. Every new spy scandal thus increases West German paranoia — their strong belief that they are threatened from the East (as in fact they are). Unfortunately, this entirely rational concern is translated in terms of West German politics into a fear of radicals.

The East German intelligence services and their Russian advisers are not particularly interested in ideological subversion of West Germany. Guenter Guillaume was known as a strong anti-Communist on the SPD's right wing. The spies are only interested in honest spying. But the West German public turns against the Communists it can see: groups whose party line is favourable to Peking or Moscow. It is easy for foreigners to con-

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